

### REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Specification, paragraph [003] has been amended to reflect the Government's interest in the application.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 4 and has also been amended for consistency of terms and for grammar. Claims 2, 6 and 7 have been amended for consistency of terms and for grammar.

#### Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a): Claims 1, 3 and 9.

Claims 1, 3 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over RU 2081727, and further in view of RU 2048268.

#### Response

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 4. Accordingly, the rejection has been overcome by the amendment.

#### Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a): Claims 2 and 5-8

Claims 2 and 5-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over RU 2081727, and further in view of RU 2048268, and further view of U.S. Patent 4,088,176 to Simons.

#### Response

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 4. Claims 2 and 5-8 depend from Claim 1. Claims 2 and 5-8 therefore contain all of the limitations of Claim 1 as amended. Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection has been overcome by the amendment.

Objection:

Claim 4

Examiner has objected to Claim 4. Examiner states that Claim 4 would be held allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response

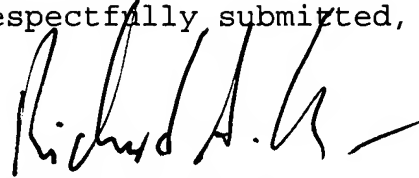
Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 4. Claim 4, now redundant, has been cancelled. Accordingly, it is believed that the objection to Claim 4 has been overcome by the amendment.

Conclusion

Allowance of Claims 1-3 and 5-9 is respectfully requested.

No additional fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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